

Remarks

Support for the amendments can be found at least in Figure 4 and paragraph [0045].

None of the cited art discloses or suggests an evaporation device having a housing, a receptacle arrangement with two receiving chambers having wicks inserted therein and wick ends protruding therefrom, a heater arrangement, at least one blower for generating an air stream, and a tapered nozzle for targeting a targeted air stream adjacent at least one of the wick ends, as recited by claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 19, 20, 27, and 29.

In addition, none of the cited art discloses or suggests an evaporation device having a housing, a receptacle arrangement carried by the housing having two receiving chambers with wicks inserted therein and wick ends protruding therefrom, a heater arrangement, a blower, a control unit, and at least one tapered interior wall disposed between the blower and the wicks and forming a nozzle passage and opening in the housing through which the air stream passes, as specified by claims 27 and 28.

In regard to claims 29 and 30, none of the cited art discloses or suggests an evaporation device having a housing, a receptacle arrangement carried by the housing and having two receiving chambers with wicks inserted therein and wick ends protruding therefrom, a heater arrangement, a blower, at least one tapered interior wall disposed between the blower and the wick ends forming a nozzle passage and opening in the housing through which the air stream passes, and at least one interior housing wall at least partially separating the air stream and the heating arrangement to avoid cooling of the heating arrangement, as recited by claims 29 and 30.

In fact, referring to Figures 16-21, Yip discloses a multi-fragrance scent dispenser

110. The dispenser 110 includes a base 114 and a domed cover 116 that may be removed from the based 114. The cover 116 includes an opening 118 at an upper end thereof for emission of vaporized scents. The base 114 includes a generally lower oval-shaped section 120 with a central generally oval-shaped recess 122 and vertically extending end walls 124, 126 disposed at opposite ends of the recess 122. Divider walls 128, 130 separate the area between the end walls 124, 126 into three bottle holding areas 132. Platforms 146 are disposed in each bottle holding area 132 to hold fragrance bottles 156 having wicks 162 extending upwardly therefrom. A cylindrical support wall 164 extends above each bottle 156 and is mounted to the end walls 124, 126 by an upper plate 166 having openings 168 therethrough. Heater housings 170 holding heater assemblies 172 are disposed with respective upper plates 166, such that the wicks 162 extend into a central opening 171 in the heater housing 170.

Referring to Figure 19, a fan 238 is disposed within the dispenser 110 on one side of the bottles 156, wherein the fan 238 is disposed in a compartment formed by walls 138, 231 and the cover 116. Openings 244 are formed in the wall 231 so that air from the fan 238 can enter the dispenser 110, entrain vaporized fragrance therein, and exit the dispenser 110 through the opening 118.


The only component of the Yip dispenser 110 that could be considered a tapered wall is the domed cover 116. The domed cover 116 does not include a tapered nozzle for directing the targeted air stream adjacent at least one of the wick ends. The domed cover 116, at most, allows air to flow along the curved formation thereof, wherein some air may be circulated within the dispenser 110, but the domed cover 116 does not direct a targeted air stream adjacent wick ends. First of all, the air stream in Yip is not targeted and,

secondly, the domed cover 116 does not direct the air stream in any particular direction, except maybe out of the dispenser 110 through the opening 118. Yip also does not disclose a tapered nozzle, or inclined wall, disposed between the blower and the wick ends forming a nozzle passage and opening in the housing through which the targeted air stream passes. Rather, the domed cover 116 of Yip is disposed above both the fan 238 and wicks 162 and is not situated between the fan 238 and wicks 162. The tapered nozzle of the present application is advantageously positioned between the fan and wick ends thereof to provide a targeted air stream from the fan directly to the wick ends. Such an arrangement is neither disclosed nor suggested in Yip.

Sugimura discloses an automatic perfume atomizer including multiple atomizing units that may each have a fan associated therewith. Arabori discloses a hot air circulating cooker and Ueda discloses a cooking assistance device for use with a microwave oven. None of Sugimura, Arabori, or Ueda supplies the deficiencies of Yip noted above.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the case is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action on the claims and passing of the case to issue is respectfully requested in due court of Patent Office business.

Respectfully submitted,



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